A RESOLUTION to honor Manny Martins for his exemplary service to Tennessee as TennCare director.

WHEREAS, it is highly appropriate that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should pause to pay tribute to those exemplary persons who have given unreservedly of themselves, their time and their talents to perpetuate the public good; and

WHEREAS, it is rare that this state is blessed with such a dedicated and knowledgeable public servant as Manny Martins, a gentleman of exceptional intelligence, integrity, and loyalty; and

WHEREAS, by means of his consummate professionalism, skill, and intellect, Manny Martins has contributed significantly to the welfare of our state's citizens as director of the TennCare program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martins' most enduring legacy is his unflagging commitment to devising an affordable health care system for all Tennesseans and his stellar service in overseeing the implementation of this very important program; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Martins has earned the admiration and respect of his colleagues in government and the citizens throughout our great state for his superior knowledge and exemplary leadership at the helm of this cost-efficient system; a system to provide health care to recipients of the bloated Medicaid program and affordable health care to those otherwise uninsured Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, his magnificent public service has brought pride and honor to our Volunteer State and Mr. Martins serves as a fine example of a selfless person who strives continuously to make Tennessee a better place for fellow citizens; and

WHEREAS, as he leaves state government to assume the monumental task as director of clinical services administration for the University of Tennessee at Memphis, we wish to express to him that his presence here will be greatly missed, however it is assured that his legacy as a remarkable public servant and voice of integrity in state government will live for years to come; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE NINETY-NINTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we hereby express to Manny Martins our profound appreciation for his exceptional service to our state as TennCare director, we thank him for lending us his intelligence and great skills, and we wish him well in his endeavors at one of our fine educational institutions, UT-Memphis.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.

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